IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Benjamin FUEST Conf. 9110

Application No. 10/533,338 Group 3677

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DEVICE FOR FIXING AN OBJECT TO A TREE

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

December 16, 2009

Sir:

Responsive to the final Official Action of September 18, 2009, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.

An $\ensuremath{\mathbf{Appendix}}$ is attached following the signature page of this paper.